

FORT LEONARD WOOD RETIREE COUNCIL

Retirement Services Office

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MINUTES OF MEETING 19 FEBRUARY 2004

Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman, BG Arvid E. West, Jr. USA (Ret) at 0900 hours. CSM Baxter led the council and guests in the pledge of allegiance.

**Members present:**

BG Arvid E. West, Jr  
COL James H. Kuhn  
COL J. Brian Morrissey  
LTC John D. Abshier  
LTC Mary Bess  
LTC Cheryl R. Buckmaster  
MAJ G. Michael Warren  
MAJ Wayne A. Strohschein  
CSM Harold G. Baxter  
1SG Wilmetta J. Herbert  
1SG Olan Payne  
SR MSG Jeanie V. Kellas  
SFC George N. Launius  
SP6 William L. Shy

**Members excused:**

BG Leigh R. Wilson  
LTC Norbert F. Pohlman  
CSM Mack E. Williams  
SFC Joseph P. Krill, Jr.

**Members absent:**

CPT Don W. Marshall  
COL Marion F. Thurston, Jr.  
CSM Julius Nutter  
SGM Don R. Bingham

### MANSCEN Staff

COL Jeff Dorko	Chief of Staff
Jesse J. French	AG/MILPO
Susan S. Halter	Garrison Cmd
Darlene Kelley	MILPO
Beverly Rowe	MILPO

### Guests Present:

Wanda Harris	AAFES
Tammy Call	DMWR
Donald E. Green	ACAP
Carol McGuffy	AFAP
COL Niranjan Balliram	Hospital Commander

1. Members were thanked for being present. MAJ Wayne A. Strohschein was welcomed as a new member taking the responsibilities of Secretary. Guests were introduced and welcomed
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the meeting of 21 August 03.
3. Committee Reports
  - A. Retiree Assistance – CSM Baxter – Currently has 18 active volunteers
  - B. Health Care Board – 1SG Herbert – all retirees are encouraged to get their shot records up to date by taking health records to the shot clinic.
  - C. Installation Commissary/Post Exchange Advisor Council – COL Morrissey – minutes of the council were presented. Upcoming events highlighted were the planned case lot sale, 14-15 May 2004; grand re-opening of the commissary tentatively set for 3 August, 2004; ground breaking for the new Post Exchange tentatively set for late August/early September 2004; ground breaking for the new Specker area shoppette tentatively set for June/July time frame.
  - D. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Advisory Council – SFC Krill -
  - E. Retiree Council Financial Statement – 1SG Herbert – It was reported that as of 30 January 2004, the account had \$4,070.25. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.

- F. Widowed Support Program – LTC Bess – This program now comes under the direction of the Installation Chaplain's Office. The monthly luncheons are still continuing. The attendance has gone from 18-20 each month to 30-50 each month. Currently there are 226 newly widowed during 2003 in the service area. 40% are under 65 years of age. There is still a problem getting names of newly widowed in a timely fashion. A reminder is that the program is open to those outside just the local community and outside of the military. Main focus is still on grief support but also provides referral services for other needs.
- G. Legislative – BG West – There are two bills currently of prime interest. One is a bill to enhance veteran educational benefits. The other is a bill pushing Survivor Benefit Plan revisions, particularly concurrent receipt, waiver of Medicare Part B, and better VA health care benefits.

4. **Area Council Report:**

- A. Lebanon – SGM Bingham - no report
- B. Quincy – LTC Pohlman – no report
- C. Springfield – CSM Williams – no report
- D. St. Louis – SFC Price – There was 10-12 people attending the last meeting. Their main point of business was Tricare For Life and wanting to push for greater co-pays

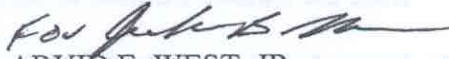
5. **Old Business**

- A. RAD Sub-Committee reports – As of now Dalton Wright will be the speaker. He has been given several topics to consider. The OPORD has been produced and will be reviewed by committee following this meeting for finalizing. The Hospitality House has been booked. The golf tournament details are being finalized. Door prizes are still being solicited. Bulletin is being looked at to see if it can be condensed. Bus tour is determining what the tour stops should be. Registrations will be at the theater till the presentations are over then moved to Nutter Field House for latecomers till the drawings. Upcoming IPR date for the Retiree Day are currently set for 23 July, 27 Aug in Bldg 470 in the MILPO conference room at 1300 hrs. 10 Sept IPR is set for the Command Briefing Room. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to use some money from the Retiree Council to defray costs of dinner.
- B. Issues for Chief of Staff Retiree Council –
- C. Other old business – no other items of old business were presented.



6. New Business

- A. Army Family Action Plan dates were announced as 3-5 March at Lincoln Hall Auditorium. A desire was expressed that somebody from the council should be a participant. Wayne A. Strohschein said he was already registered for that. Others were encouraged to also go.
  - B. Introductions: Sue Halter was introduced as the new Deputy to Garrison Commander Abney; Jessie French was introduced as the new MILPO AG.
  - C. A reminder was given that the 5<sup>th</sup> Engineers were coming back. An exact time will be announced as soon as possible. Note was also made that there will be many other National Guard and Reserves demobilizing through the next months.
  - D. Hospital Commander - COL Niranjan Balliram --noted that we should expect some reduced clinic operating hours due to the need to process individuals and units demobilizing. He is working on increasing contract providers. The 13.4 million dollar renovation project is now in process. The hospital change of command will be 9 July.
  - E. Retiree of the Year Selection Committee was appointed - LTC John D. Abshier, CSM Harold G. Baxter and 1SG Wilmetta J. Herbert were appointed. Names are to be presented at the May meeting.
  - F. Tricare will be changing to three regions 1 Oct. Ft. Leonard Wood will still be a part of the West region out of San Francisco. It appears to be an admin change only. Tricare for life as of now remains unchanged.
  - H. Questions were raised about what to do about non-attending members. It was suggested that an attendance review be done. If members are not attending and do not have an excused absence, they are to be contacted and asked their intentions.
7. Next Scheduled Meeting: Room 2224, Building 470, Community Service Center Building 470, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri at 0900 hours 20 May 2004

  
ARVID E. WEST, JR.  
BG, USA (RET)  
Presiding Co-Chairman